

(d) As per the DGCI&S data the value of exports for the last five years is as under:—

(US \$ Million)

Year	Exports
1995-96	31797
1996-97	33470
1997-98	35006
1998-99	33219
1999-2000*	37538

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

*Provisional

Contract to M/s K.J. International

2341. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MMTC had awarded any contract to M/s K.J. International to process paddy into rice and export thereof in the year 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that before receiving any supply from the above-said company, the MMTC had paid a huge amount to that company to procure paddy and that too without any Bank Guarantee;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether M/s K.J International fulfilled the commitment in that regard; and

(f) if not, what action has been taken against the supplier and concerned officers of MMTC?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, MMTC had entered into an agreement with M/s K.J. International to process basmati

paddy into rice and give to MMTC basmati rice for exports, and other by-products for sale in the domestic market.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. MMTC paid for the value of the paddy and took trust receipts from the company, as MMTC was not having a licence for purchase of basmati paddy directly in its name. MMTC has reported that as per industry norms, no miller gives Bank Guarantee (BG) for value of paddy.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. MMTC has initiated legal action against the Processor M/s. K.J. International for non-fulfillment of contractual obligation. Criminal action is also in process.

So far MMTC officials are concerned, disciplinary action against two officers have been concluded and penalty imposed. Disciplinary action against other officers is in process.

Renewal of rate contract for import of certain critical security Equipment

2342. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the renewal of the Rate Contract for import of certain critical security equipment required by the Para Military Forces, Border Security Forces etc. Supplied through the DGS and D lapsed due to indecision by the Government thereby affecting the working of these security forces;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN):(a) Though not specifically stated, it appears that the reference is to the DGS and D Rate Contract (R/C) for transreceivers & their accessories. This R/C was concluded in July' 1999 for a period of one year.

It is not a fact that renewal of Rate Contract lapsed due to indecision of the Government. The Rate Contract for as many as 58